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**STATUS INQUIRY**

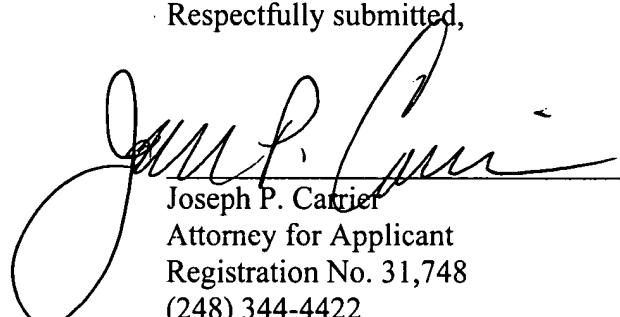
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Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, the last communication received from the Patent And Trademark Office was a Filing Receipt dated 13 January 2004. Accordingly, because this application was filed 08 July 2003, almost fifteen months ago, applicant hereby urgently requests that the Patent And Trademark Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the first office action.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested. An extra copy of this Status Inquiry is attached hereto.

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